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Between Giurgiu and Ruse

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1. The bridge under construction between Giurgiu, Rumania, and Ruse, Bulgaria, will support a single track rail line and a road link about 12 meters wide. The construction project is directed by Soviet engineers. There are 40 Soviet families living in Giurgiu where a Russian school has been established for their children. On the Rumanian side about 5,000 workers are employed; the women earn 8 lei daily and the men earn 10 lei daily.
2. On the Rumanian side the bridge begins about 1,500 meters from the Danube. The new route mounts an embankment to attain the necessary height. The bridge is supported by three pillars, one on the mainland and one on each of the two islands known as Ciobanu and Mocanu.
3. On the Bulgarian side the bridge starts about 300 meters from the Danube because the Bulgarian bank of the river is higher.
4. The platform of the bridge is completed up to the third pillar on the Rumanian side and for the 300 meters indicated above for the Bulgarian side.
5. To cross the river proper the bridge will be supported by two pillars placed at an interval of about 150 meters. One is to be constructed by the Rumanians and the other by the Bulgarians. The sub-structure of the Bulgarian pillar is in place but the Rumanians have not begun working on their pillar.

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